



# Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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## Emergency Declaration Assistance

By Alan Prenger

Planning and Disaster Recovery Program Manager

The State of Missouri has requested and received an Emergency Declaration as the result of Hurricane Katrina. The Emergency Declaration provides for reimbursement of eligible expenses for Category B work under the Public Assistance Program. Category B is Protective Measures.

The eligible expenses in this category of work include: Preparation of sheltering facilities for displaced persons, supplies and commodities for shelters, use of applicant owned equipment, contract costs, other essential services (medical staff for emergency care, public information officers), and cleaning and restoration of the shelter facility.

Eligible applicants are governmental entities (Counties, Cities, State Agencies, School Districts, etc.). Private - Non - Profit entities that operated sheltering facilities on behalf of governmental agencies (Counties, Cities, etc.) or in response to a mutual aid agreement with a governmental agency may also be eligible applicants.

**If your jurisdiction or agency incurred the expenses outlined above and you are interested in applying for Public Assistance under this declaration, please complete the Reception and Sheltering Operations Survey on the SEMA homepage. This survey is now accessible. If you tried previously and could not access the survey, please try again.**

**The SEMA Disaster Section will contact responding entities with additional information. If your jurisdiction has submitted a Request for Public Assistance we will be contacting them in the near future to continue the disaster assistance processes for this disaster. If they have received the application and not completed it, please do so as soon as possible.** Our telephone numbers are: (573) 526 - 9234, 9203, and 9114. Our Fax number is: (573) 526 - 9193.

## FY2005 Homeland Security Grant Program Allocations

By Tom Mohr

Homeland Security Program Manager

The State Homeland Security Advisory Council met on September 16, 2005. The council decided that the FY2005 Homeland Security Grant would fund the Interoperable Communications Grant for \$10 million, and the LETPP Grant for \$5.9 million

**State Homeland Security Grant Program:** Funding will be used for an Interoperability Communications grant. The State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) and the State Homeland Security Advisory Council Subcommittee for Interoperable Communications were tasked to determine what equipment is eligible for purchase and who will be eligible to apply for the grant. SEMA is tasked to work with both groups to develop the criteria and grant application package. A Peer Review group will be appointed to review the applications and make selections. SEMA will review the applications for

grant compliance, develop the award documents, and administer all aspects of the grant. This will be an on-line application; jurisdictions will be contacted on how to access the on-line application.

**Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection Program:** The FY2005 LETPP funding will be used to purchase "Live Scan" finger printing system (electronic scanning of fingerprints). The Missouri Sheriffs Association and the Missouri Police Chiefs Association are developing a priority list of recipients for this system. A major condition of this program requires recipients to assume all yearly maintenance costs for the system (grant rules do not allow for these costs). SEMA will develop the award documents, the terms/conditions documents, and administer the program.

SEMA will work with the Missouri Office of Administration's Procurement office to obtain a contract for "Live Scan" system and have the unit "drop-shipped to the jurisdiction. A contract at the state level for the bulk purchase will save a considerable amount of money. This savings will allow for the purchase of more units compared to each jurisdiction working individually buying the system. This will be an on-line application; selected jurisdictions will be contacted on how to access the on-line application.

## **FY2004 Grant Expires November 30, 2005**

**By Tom Mohr**

**Homeland Security Program Manager**

Recipients of the 2004 Homeland Security City/County, Interoperable Communication, Fire Grants and Citizen Council are strongly urged to meet the September 30 reporting deadline for spending as per the email sent earlier this month. The email required all sub grantees to forward documentation showing that all grant funds have been encumbered (by written contract, Purchase Orders, invoices, etc.). The FY2004 grant expires November 30, 2005. To get an extension we have to show ODP that the funds are encumbered.

We have been informed by the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP), that during the next reporting period we will be required to report not only reimbursed grant funds but also funds that have been encumbered by sub grantees.

Failure to provide the required documentation may result in a withdrawal of all un-encumbered funds. Most of the identified grants were awarded 12 months ago and should be ready to be "closed out"(with the exception of some of the Interoperable Communication grants). We are very concerned with the lack of performance (requests for reimbursement and funds encumbered) by a large number of sub grantees.

We are presently developing the criteria for the FY2005 grants, one of the criteria will be, "jurisdictions that have not encumbered 100% of previous grant funds (and forwarded the required documentation to SEMA) will not be eligible for grant funding for the FY2005 cycle.

If you have questions, please contact the SEMA Homeland Security staff at 573-526-9229.

## **SEMA's Fall Newsletters Posted to Homepage**

The Fall Newsletters are now posted to the SEMA homepage: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semapage.htm>. The SEMA newsletter has articles on Chapter 44, Homeland Security Information, Hurricane Katrina response, and training. The link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semanews.pdf>. The Mitigation Newsletter has articles on mitigation grant awards and new grant guidelines, and NFIP training opportunities. The link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mitnews.pdf>. The MERC Signal has information on Hazardous Material response. The link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mercnews.pdf>.

## **15,538 Katrina/Rita Victims In Missouri**

As of October 7, the Red Cross was working with 15,538 individuals (6,276 families) Hurricane Katrina and Rita victims staying with family, friends or faith-based organizations in Missouri.

The following information lists the number of families/evacuees helped by various ARC Chapters: Adair County: 7/20; Audrain-Montgomery County: 15/43; Boone County: 194/452; Crawford County: 40/72; Callaway County: 16/38; Capital Area (Cole County): 122/329; Greater Ozark (Springfield): 1451/3201; Greater Kansas City: 1295/4069; Lafayette County: 12/24; Marion County: 15/37; Midland Empire: 72/173; Pettis County: 7/12; Phelps-Pulaski Counties: 141/321; Southeast MO (Cape Girardeau): 413/918; Southwest MO (Joplin): 159/372; St. Louis: 2312/5447; and Vernon County: 5/10.

## **SEMA Staff Deployed to Mississippi / Louisiana Via EMAC Request**

**Bob Dopp**, Missouri Emergency Response Commission manager Bob Dopp was deployed to the Louisiana State Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge as a special EMAC request for post-flood HAZMAT issues in New Orleans.

**Roger Connell**, Certified Floodplain Manager and **Randy Scrivner** State Hazard Mitigation Officer were deployed to Mississippi from October 1-15. Roger assisted Mississippi and FEMA Floodplain Managers with Community Assistance Visits. Randy assisted with hazard mitigation issues. **Dale Schmutzler** Certified Floodplain Manager is deployed to Mississippi October 15-30. **George Riedel** Certified Floodplain Manager and the Branch Chief for Mitigation and Floodplain Management will deploy to Mississippi for November 1-15, 2005.

## **SEMA Training Schedule Posted to Homepage**

The new training schedule is on SEMA's homepage. The link is: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/>. Once you go to this website you can click on the link to view the classes and enroll on line. Remember to check the class schedule often, as classes are frequently added. All SEMA classes are free.

## **NIMS Training Compliance Reminder**

**By Jim Charrier, State Training Officer**

Don't forget that all of your jurisdiction's emergency responders and elected and appointed officials (that have a role in response or recovery functions during times of emergency or disaster) must be trained to the appropriate level no later than October 1, 2006 for your jurisdiction to continue to be eligible for any federal preparedness grant funding.

The following vendors have contracts to provide all of the necessary courses in your jurisdiction or region and will provide this training during the normal workday, evenings or weekends. Just contact any of these vendors and they will be glad to work with you.

Missouri Police Chiefs Association (MOPCA)  
Sheldon Lineback, 573-636-5444, [slineback@mopca.com](mailto:slineback@mopca.com)

Missouri Sheriffs Association (MSA)  
Mick Covington, 573-635-5925 Ext. 11, [mickcovington@earthlink.net](mailto:mickcovington@earthlink.net)

University of Missouri Fire & Rescue Training Institute (MUFRTI)  
Gary Wilson, 800-869-3476, [WilsonGL@missouri.edu](mailto:WilsonGL@missouri.edu)

St. Charles Community College  
**Mike Penrod**, 660-543-8718, [penrod@cmsu1.cmsu.edu](mailto:penrod@cmsu1.cmsu.edu)

Central Missouri State University (CMSU)

Lita M. Pener, 636-922-8425, [Lpener@stchas.edu](mailto:Lpener@stchas.edu)

Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Government Training Institute (GTI)  
Erin Lynch, 816-421-7758, [elynch@marc.org](mailto:elynch@marc.org)

**Please direct any general NIMS training compliance questions to Jim Charrier at 573-526-9120 or [jim.charrier@sema.dps.mo.gov](mailto:jim.charrier@sema.dps.mo.gov).**

### **SEMA classes Need Enrollees!**

All of SEMA's October courses are in danger of being cancelled because of low enrollment. People interested in taking these courses can contact at Tina Brown, SEMA Training Assistant, at 573-526-9215 or go to the web site to sign up.

12/13-15/05	Emergency Planning for Special Needs	Cape Girardeau
1/10-11/06	Principles of Emergency Management	Chesterfield
1/10-12/06	Exercise Design & Evaluation with HSEEP	West Plains
1/17-19/06	Emergency Planning for Special Needs	CEMA St. Louis
1/31-2/2/06	Mass Fatalities	Chesterfield

### **3 Fire Departments Receive \$156K in Round 8 Firefighter Grants**

#### **Compiled from OPD Firefighter Grant Page**

Here are the Missouri Fire Departments receiving Firefighter Assistance grants Round 8. Departments receiving grants for Operations and Safety are: City of Ava VFE (\$26,477), Mountain View FD (\$56,050), Seneca VFD (\$73,540).

### **Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative Submitted for Public Comment**

#### **Information from Department of Homeland Security**

The Departments of Homeland Security and State formally submitted the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative proposal for public comment. This initiative requires all U.S. citizens, citizens of the British Territory of Bermuda, citizens of Canada and Mexico to have a passport or other accepted secure document establishing the bearer's identity and nationality to enter or re-enter the United States beginning January 1, 2008.

Public comments on all air and sea travel before must be submitted before December 31, 2006. Comments on land border crossings must be made before December 31, 2007. This travel includes to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda. Those wishing to make comments may access the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for submitting comments. For more information on the initiative visit [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) or [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)

### **Upcoming SEMA Area Coordinator Meetings**

Area A:	10 a.m., November 28, 2005	Truman Memorial Bldg, Independence
Area B:	6:30 p.m., December 6, 2005	Days Inn Hotel, Kirksville
Area E:	11 a.m., November 4, 2005	Hickory Log Restaurant, Dexter
Area G:	11:30 a.m., December 7, 2005	Hillbilly Junction, Willow Springs

**READERS:** Are there items you would like to see addressed or information you would like to share in future Bulletins? Please submit ideas/information to [susie.stonner@sema.dps.mo.gov](mailto:susie.stonner@sema.dps.mo.gov)